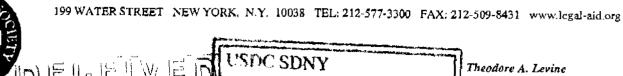
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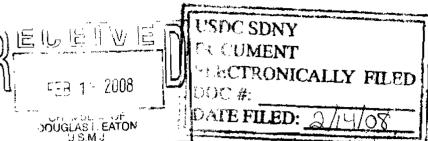
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February 11, 2008

Honorable Douglas F. Eaton United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 1360 New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: Roberto Velazquez v. William Lape, Supt., et. al. 07 Civ. 7228 (CM) (DFE)

Dear Magistrate Judge Eaton:

I represent Mr. Velazquez in the above-referenced matter. We received the respondents' answer, dated February 6, today, February 11, 2008. We request an extension of time to file our reply to March 20. Respondent's counsel has agreed. Thank you.

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